

STEINMETZ STEPS

DESCENDENTS OF
JOHANN PHILIPP STEINMETZ
BORN CA. 1690, KIRCHBERG, GERMANY
AND OTHERS

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SECTION FOUR

FAMILY IN GERMANY

The Family in Germany

Name: Johann Philipp Steinmetz

Parentage:

Date of birth: Probably about 1690

Place of birth: Kirchberg, Germany. On a present day highway map this location is N.E. of Nurnberg and west of Prague on East German territory. Some of the cities seem to be renamed in Russian. Possibly his parents were from East Friesland with a part of a Consular or Church Organization which was trading with or representing the Church or home country in the somewhat foreign province where Kirchberg is located.

That could account for Johann being born in Kirchberg and later returning to Friesland.

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, military service, etc.:

Johann obviously began his career in the service of the Prince, moving from Valet to carriage inspector. The latter office charged him with the responsibility for travel connections which were by carriage during that period. Analogous to the contemporary duties of a railroad station director or to put it into very up-to-date terms, the head responsible for a modern airport. One source termed his position as "Wagonmeister" or "Master of Wagons."

In his younger years, Johann was also a Lieutenant of a Loblichen (Laudable) Schutzen Company (Armed Company) in Esens. Probably the Esens Schutzen Company was armed with the comparatively new and accurate muzzle loading rifles which were a great improvement over the smooth bore muskets. That improvement would warrant the term Loblichen (Laudable). Those men were probably crack shots for that period.

He held the appointed official position of General Customs Officer in 1750 at about age 60. His office was in Esens.

Marriage to: 1st - Volcamari/Volcamrus? She was the mother of five children. The fifth child Georg Heinrich is our ancestor. She died in 1735. Her name has not been ascertained. Birth Certificates for the five children did not mention the mother's name.

2nd - Tida Lucia Bierhausen in 1735. Her father was a pastor named Tormins. Christian Eberhard Volcamri/Friesland and probably Johann Philipps first wife was either her sister or a close relative. We infer this part because Eberhard became a family name later in the line. At the time of his marriage in Esens in 1735, the official notice of the second wedding read, "Proclaimed on the second day of Easter Johann Philipp Steinmetz, born in Kirchberg Nobel Valet and also Lieutenant of the Rifle Company, and the honorable Miss Tida Lucia Bierhausen, widow of the honorable and respectable Christian Eberhard Volcamari, married in Esens."

Children:

Maria Margarete, baptized August 20, 1717. born in Esens, Germany.

Anna Maria Elizabeth, baptized October 7, 1719, born in Esens, Germany.

Peter Philipp, baptized July 2, 1722, born in Esens, Germany.

Peter Andreas Frederick, baptized November 10, 1726, born in Esens, Germany.

Georg Heinrich, baptized May 5, 1729, born May 1, 1729 in Esens, Germany.

Note: Esens is 25 Kilometers Northwest of Etzel. Etzel is in the Province of East Friesland, West Germany, near Wilhelmshaven.

Name: Maria Margarete Steinmetz

Parentage: Johann Philipp Steinmetz and...Volcamari/Volcamrus

Date of birth/baptism: was baptized on August 20, 1717, in Esens

Place of birth: Esens, Germany

Date of death:

Place of death:

Marriage:

Name: Anna Maria Elizabeth Steinmetz

Parentage: Johann Philipp Steinmetz and Volcamri/Volcamrus

Date of birth/baptism: was baptized October 7, 1719, in Esens

Date of death:

Place of death:

Marriage:

Name: Peter Philipp Steinmetz

Parentage: Johann Philipp Steinmetz and Volcamri/Volcamrus

Date of birth/baptism: was baptized on July 2, 1722

Place of birth: Essens, Germany

Date of death: Must have died young as the following son who was a Pastor was called the oldest at his baptism.

Place of death: Essens, Germany

Marriage:

Name: Peter Andreas Friedrich Steinmetz

Parentage: Johann Philipp Steinmetz and Volcamri/Volcamrus

Date of birth/baptism: was baptized November 10, 1726; was called oldest at his baptism.

Date of death: April 7, 1804

Place of death: Wittmund, Germany

Marriage: First...Wilkens. on September 9, 1750. Second to...Stieffs, on June 30, 1753.

Occupation, activities, interest, hobbies, military service, etc.: Peter Andreas Fredrich Steinmetz was a Pastor and the Rector of the Latin School in Essens. This gives an indication of the education levels of at least a segment of the population and of Lutheran Pastors in particular.

Name: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz
Parentage: Johann Philipp Steinmetz and . . .
Volcamri/Volcamrus

Date of birth: May 1, 1729; was baptized on May 5, 1729

Place of birth: Essens, Germany; 25 kilometers N.W. of Etzel and 40 kilometers N.E. of Emden.

Date of death: March 24, 1767

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, military service, etc. Georg Heinrich Steinmetz was a Pastor in German Lutheran Churches from 1754 to 1767 of which the last six years were in Etzel, where he died. The fact that his wife's father was Pastor in Reepsholt accounts for Georg Heinrich starting there as Pastor II from 1754-1759. He was first Pastor in the same town from 1759-1763. The first four children were born in Reepsholt. It is notable that he left his first position as Pastor and came to Etzel. It cannot have been the higher salary of this position which attracted him to Etzel. Probably he was of ill health. His early death after only 13 years of service is an indication of this, and he was unable to care for the larger Reepsholt community especially given that distances were much greater then than today. So he resettled in the much smaller Etzel, where he was only able to complete five years of service, as he died there on March 24, 1767. Upon his death, the following record was written in the hand of his successor, Johann Jacob Gerdes: "1767, March 24, my decedent Pastor, Georg Heinrich Steinmetz died of a chest disease and pleuralgia at the age of 37 and was buried on the 31st of March."

Married to Christine Charlotte Cramer, on April 30, 1755, in Reepsholt. The bride's father recorded the wedding in the marriage register of Reepsholt in 1775 with the following words: "On April 30, Mr. Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, second Pastor of Reepsholt, son of Mr. Johann Philipp Steinmetz, Citizen Lieutenant in Essens and my daughter, the Virgin Christine Charlotte Cramer, born of my wife Catherina, in my Church, married by me, A.F. Cramer, first Pastor of this place."

Parentage: Pastor Albert Ferdinand Cramer, Pastor in Reepsholt and wife Catherina. He died in Reepsholt on January 15, 1737.

Date of Birth: January 15, 1737

Place of birth:

Date of death: December 4, 1807; age 70 years, 10 months

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, etc. Christine was the mother of five children. The third child Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp is our direct ancestor. The first four children were born in Reepsholt, the youngest in Etzel. After the death of Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, his widow, Christine Charlotte (nee Cramer) on May 4, 1772, in Bingen where the brother of her deceased husband, Peter Andreas Fredrich Steinmetz was Pastor remarried with the propertied and resident house-man of Etzel, Ibe Gerdes Muller, younger son of Gerd Muller, former house-man and miller. In the Mullers home in Etzel, there was a wedding on

October 25th of the same year, 1772, of his Step-daughter, Hedvig Albertina Steinmetz and the Pastor Arend Molitz Meentz of Reepsholt.

Children:

Hedvig Albertina, born January 26, 1756, in Reepsholt, Germany

Catharina Margarete, born April 3, 1758, in Reepsholt, Germany

Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp, born February 6, 1760, in Reepsholt, Germany

Theda Friederika, born March 31, 1763, in Reepsholt, Germany

Jacob Eberhard August, born December 5, 1765, in Etzel, Germany

Some notes about Christine Charlotte Cramer's family ancestors:

Her father was Albert Ferdinand Cramer, son of Jacob Cramer, Pastor in Reepsholt 1710-1759.

Jacob Cramer was the son of Albert Cramer; Pastor Neese 1638-1692; Pastor in West Accum 1692-1708.

Albert Cramer was the son of Jacob Cramer; Pastor in Etzel 1652-1677.

Jacob Cramer was Pastor in Etzel 1630-1652. In about 1625, he married Catharina Popken, daughter of Pastor Alburtus Popken II.

Alburtus Popken II; son of Alburtus Popken I, was Pastor in Etzel 1595-1630.

Alburtus Popken I was Pastor in Etzel...until 1595. He was a Pastor about 50 years after Martin Luther. Luther was born in 1483 and died in 1546.

Name: Hedvig Albertina Steinmetz

Parentage: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Christine Cramer.

Date of birth: January 26, 1756

Place of birth: Reepsholt, Germany

Date of death: March 28, 1798; age 42 years 2 months

Place of death: Reepsholt, Germany

Marriage to: Pastor Arend Molitz Meentz on October 25, 1772 at the young age of not yet 17 years. He was Pastor since 1769; after 1783 "Inspector" in Reepsholt. After Hedvig died, her widower remarried with Catharina Margretha Aletta Fredrichs of Neuinde, on May 31, 1802. He was summoned by death early in the morning, the very next day June 1, 1802.

Name: Catharina Margarete Steinmetz

Parentage: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Christine Charlotte Cramer

Date of birth: April 3, 1758

Place of birth: Reepsholt, Germany

Date of death: January 20, 1759; age 9 months

Place of death: Reepsholt, Germany

Marriage:

This information was included in the records sent to George Philip Steinmetz Sr. from Germany. It was translated by George Steinmetz III.

After the death of Pastor George Heinrich Steinmetz on March 24, 1767, there was obviously some disagreement about the replacement of the Pastoral position. The contemporary inspector Pastor Eschershausen of Marx reports in the Kirchenproptokoll about this:

"On Sunday Quasimodogeniti, April 26, 1767, I confirmed the 12 Catechism students who Pastor Steinmetz had instructed during winter and which I taught weekly following his death. After which they took their confession of faith publicly, in the church, in front of the whole community, and admitted them to the Holy Communion.

On May 24, as Dom Rogate, I was present at the Preacher election in Etzel, and held an electoral speech on Matthew 9:38. The brother of the late Pastor Steinmetz, Peter Andreas Frederick Steinmetz of Bingen, whom no one from the whole community had heard preach, was then chosen by 15 votes which 10 persons cast, a choice which I then confirmed.

Although Pastor Peter Andreas Frederick Steinmetz accepted the appointment and also proposed quitting his former job, he did not want to follow up on this afterwards. Thus the vote was annul/nullified and the Parish had to vote again.

On August 16, the Etzel Community began a second Pastoral election, where I again gave a speech. The most votes were given with much grumbling to the Second-Pastor of Reepsholt...Gerdes. I attested to the vote and sent out a notice on the vote on August 20."

The inspector of the Friedburg office, Pastor Gerhard Gartner of Horsten reported in the Etzel Church bulletin on the appointment of Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz:

"The Reepsholt Ministers, Mentz and Molter and the Pastor Varenhorst in Marx, were assigned the administration of Etzel during the vacancy.

Meanwhile the Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz left Halle where he had studied for two years for Berlin where he took his exams, preached, held Licentiam Conciomandi (License) and returned home.

He came to me on June 7th and showed me proof of his exams and his Licentiam Conciomandi (License) and then preached for the first time in Etzel on June 17. On June 19, Herr Ibe Gerdes Muller, stepfather of Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz came to me with the news that the nomination would take place the following Sunday and the vote the day after. In the meanwhile a decree arrived from the honorable Consistorium on the 27th that Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz was not eligible before being examined in Etzel in Plano Collegialiter and therefore the nomination could not occur and that either a different person must be nominated in his stead or that he first must be qualified. Mr. Steinmetz went to Aurich, took his examination and became eligible. On August 5, I held the election sermon and the candidate Steinmetz was unanimously chosen even in the absence of Herr Amtmann. On September 13, 1767, his introduction was undertaken.

The motorforce behind the appointment of Pastor Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz seems to have been his own stepfather Ibe Gerdes Muller. Ibe Muller belonged to a small group of eligible voters, was church director, and one of the most influential in the Parish.

The Church Inspector, Pastor Gerhard Gartner and the Consistorium in Aurich seem to have been reluctant due to the youthfulness of the prospective Pastor who was only 21 years old. The authorities could not deny the confirmation after the legal conditions were fulfilled by the candidate. The Inspectors remarks at the end of the whole affair, "May God be close to the young Pastor in his difficult work in the parish."

The General-Superintendent...Haehn, in Aurich wrote in the Church Bulletin about the vote: "A certain rich miller (Ibes Gerdes Muller) in Etzel, knew God knows how, which means were necessary to have his stepson (Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz) 21 years of age, who had not even studied for two years at the University called in from Halle, first tested in Berlin, afterward examined here also, and named Pastor in this rich Parish against all of my expectations. The vote was confirmed, Steinmetz ordained and on September 13, 1781, by..., God have mercy on the Pastor and the Parish."

Steinmetz was born in Reepsholt in 1760. As his father left for Etzel in 1763, he grew up here, first in the Rectory and then after his father's death and his mother's re-marriage with the miller Ibes Gerdes Muller in the mill-house here on the hill."

In the Reepsholt marriage register, page 46, for 1783, is the following entry: "On February 13, Herr Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz, Etzel Preacher, oldest son of Herr Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, former Pastor at Reepsholt and afterwards in Etzel, married Demoiselle Anna Catharina Margaretha Orgiesen, daughter of Herr Sebastian Gerhard Orgiesen Magistri Philosophiae (Philosophy School Master) in Reepsholt.

The wife is the niece of the former Pastor Helmerich Bernhard Anton Orgiesen of Etzel and was born March 6, 1762. Her father died February 21, 1799 of consumption, whereafter her mother Anna Friederica (nee Billfinger) re-married with the miller Friedrich Ernst Muller of the town Kloster (Leerhufe). The latter woman died September 20, 1816 at the age of seventy-five and three-fourths years on Etzel after her daughter, the Pastors wife had already preceded her, dying on September 20, 1795 at the age of thirty-three and one-half. She bore her husband six children whose destinies are reported below.

Georg Heinrich born March 29, 1784

Anna Friederika, born March 10, 1786

Sebastian Gerhard I born July 26, 1788

Sebastian Gerhard II born December 21, 1789

Christina Charlotte born Jul 12, 1792

Ihbo August born March 30, 1795

(Some of these names have been spelled a bit differently on another record.)

After the mothers death the father remarried. The Aurich marriage register reports on page 375, 1801:

"Herr Ferdinand Rudolph Steinmetz, Pastor in Etzel, widower, 40 years of age and the virgin Christine Dorothee Heinen, only daughter of Herr Heinrich Anton Heinen, Chancellery Inspector of the local government, 24 years old...The brides mother was Eberhardine Catharine Wiardine Thoden von Velsen. In this second marriage the following children were born:

Heinrich Anton I born February 11, 1802

Jacob Eberhard August born September 30, 1805

Henrich Anton II born May 15, 1807

Catharine Margarethe born March 10, 1809

Ferdinand Rudolphine Phillippine, born March 30, 1811

Ibo August born January 30, 1815

Anton Eberhard born June 13, 1817

In the protocol of the last inspection in Etzel during Pastor Steinmetz's time in office is written:

"On November 12, 1818 was an inspection by Superintendent Andrae from Horsten the Baron Drost of Ulsar. A long report on Pastor Steinmetz prayers, etc. was given."

On February 7, 1819, Pastor Steinmetz died at the age of 59, one day after his birthday. The obituary in the Official Bulletin for East Friesland says:

"Providence called my beloved spouse and our dear father, the Preacher Ferdinand Rudolph Philip Steinmetz at Etzel, to itself on the 7th day of this month, after a sickness brought about by chest infection. He was called to be rewarded for the faithfulness in which he fulfilled his duties for 38 years as a peoples teacher and human being, and to be led to his higher destination after he had entered his 60th year of life on the day before his death.

The feeling is salutary. It is a salutary feeling to see the respect he received from his superiors and the inner love of the whole Parish and all good when but no one will replace my true friend, with whom I lived for 18 years and was so happily bound, the beloved and caring father of my four young orphans and the grandfather of the children from his first marriage; he will never be forgotten."

Name: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz
Parentage: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Christine Charlotte Cramer

Date of birth: February 6, 1760

Place of birth: Reepsholt, Germany which is four Kilometers N.W. of Etzel.

Date of death: February 7, 1819

Place of death: Etzel, Germany. Etzel is fifteen Kilometers W.S.W. of Wilhelmshaven.

Occupation, activities, interests, hobboies, military service, etc. Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz was a German Lutheran Pastor in Etzel from 1781 to 1819. His Theologian Examination was given July 24, 1781. He served as Theilogian V under a related Pastor, Georg Heinrich Steinmetz (not his father) at Etzel-Halle in 1799. He was the second follower of his father in Etzel.

Marriage to: First Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen on February 13, 1783, in Etzel, Germany. There were six children by that marriage. Second Christina Dorothea Heinen on January 1, 1801, in Etzel, Germany. There were seven children by that marriage. Son, Jacob Eberhard August is our ancestor.

Name: Anna Catherine Margurita Ortgiesen or Anna Catharina Margaretha Ortgiesen

Parentage: Sebastian Gerhard Ortgiesen, Philosophy School Master in Reepsholt and Anna Friederica Billfinger

Date of birth: March 6, 1762; baptized on March 7, 1762

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: September 20, 1795

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Name: Christina Dorothea Heinen or Christine Dorothea Heinen

Parentage: Heinrich Anton Heinen; Chancellery Inspector of local government and Eberhardine Catherine Wiardine Thoden von Velsen. He died in 1825.

Date of birth: , 1777

Place of birth:

Date of death: March 6, 1845; age 68 years; of "Chest Dropsy"

Place of death: Aurich, Germany. The Burial Register of the Lutheran Church reported in 1845 on her death. "On March 6 the widow of the late Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz, nee Heinen, 68 years old, died in Aurich of chest-dropsy, and leaves behind four children."

Children by the first marriage with Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen;

Georg Heinrich, baptized April 2, 1784, born March 29, 1784 in Etzel, Germany.

Anna Franzisca/Friederike, baptized March 12, 1786, born March 10, 1786 in Etzel, Germany

Sebastia/Sebastian Gerhard I, baptized July 28, 1788, born July 26, 1788 in Etzel, Germany

Sebastia/Sebastian Gerhard II, baptized December 23, 1789, born December 21, 1789 in Etzel, Germany

Christina Gael/Charlotte, baptized July 15, 1792, born July 12, 1792 in Etzel, Germany

Ibo/Ihbo August I, baptized April 1, 1795, born March 30, 1795 in Etzel, Germany

Children by the second marriage with Christina Dorothea Heinen. The second child Jacob Eberhard August is our ancestor. After her husband Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz died on March 7, 1819, Christina took her living children to her fathers home in Aurich.

Heinrich Anton I, baptized February 12, 1802, born February 11, 1802 in Etzel, Germany

Name: Catrina/Catherine Margarethe Steinmetz
 Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz
 and Christina Dorothea Heinen

Date of birth: March 10, 1809; baptized March 12, 1809

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death:

Place of death:

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, etc.

Marriage to:

Name: Ferdinande Rudolphine Philippine Steinmetz
 Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz
 and Christina Dorothea Heinen

Date of birth: March 30, 1811; baptized April 1, 1811

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death:

Place of death: Aurich, Germany

Occupation, interests, hobbies, interests, etc.

Marriage to: ...Wegner, on October 19, 1848, in Aurich, Germany. She also lived with her mother in Aurich.

Name: Anton Eberhard Steinmetz
 Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Christina Dorothea Heinen

Date of birth: June 13, 1817; baptized June 16, 1817

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death:

Place of death:

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, etc.:

Marriage to: Elizabeth Eimen in Essens, Germany, in 1845.

Name: Ibo August Steinmetz II
 Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Christina Dorothea Heinen

Date of birth: January 30, 1815; baptized February 7, 1815

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death:

Place of death:

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, etc.

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Family & Children	Date	Place	Date	To	Place	Date	Name/Address	Occupation
Ferdinand Rudolph	2-6-1766			Christina Dorothea Heinen		2-7-1819	Etzel	Pastor Etzel
Philipp Steinmetz								
Christina Dorothea Heinen						3-1-1845	Aurich, Ger.	1781-1819
(1) Heinrich Anton	2-11-1802	Etzel				9-12-1802	Etzel	
(2) Jacob Eberhard August	9-30-1805	Etzel						
(3) Heinrich Anton	5-15-1807	Etzel				6-7-1807	Etzel	
(4) Catherine Margarethe	7-10-1809	Etzel						
(5) Ferdinande Rudolphine Philippine	3-30-1811	Etzel		Wegner		10-19-1848	Aurich	
(6) Ibo August	1-30-1815	Etzel						
(7) Anton Eberhard	6-13-1817	Etzel						

Handwritten notes: "Nieder-sachsen West Germany on highway 150 km. WSW of Wilhelmshaven" and "Highway 150 km. WSW of Emden".

Handwritten note at bottom: "Ferdinand Rudolph Steinmetz was Pastor in Etzel from 1781 until the year of his death, 1819. His theological examination was 7-24-1781; his ordination Sept. 7, 1781; introduced Sept. 13, 1781. His oldest surviving son August was confirmed in the Lutheran Church on Easter 1821, two years after his father died. August was then 15."

Name: Theda Friederika Steinmetz
 Parentage: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Christine Charlotte Cramer

Date of birth: March 31, 1763

Place of birth: Reepsholt, Germany

Date of death: September 28, 1810; age 57 years

Place of death: Essens, Germany. At the time of her death, Theda's husband announced it in the Official Bulletin of East Friesland on September 28, 1810, in the following words: "This morning my wife, Theda Friederika Heinen (nee Steinmetz) passed away to a better life at the age of 57, after suffering from Dropsy (Wassersucht) for ten months. The deceased had lived with me for 41 years and bore me 12 children, of whom 6 are still living, who will mourn the death of the departed with me."

Marriage to: Johann Friederich Anton Heinen, on March 25, 1779, in...

Theda was the second wife of Johann Heinen. He had been married to Catharina Jacobina Cramer, the sister of his later mother-in-law, Christine Charlotte Steinmetz (nee Cramer). Johann Heinen was a head Postmaster in Essens.

Children from the second marriage that are known: Henrietta Catherine Heinen; married a Pastor from Neustadt-Gedens. Frederick Wilhelm Heinen became a Pastor and held office in Spiekerroog, 1827-1837; Wittmund, 1837-1846; Berdun, 1846-1865; and in Eggelingen, 1865-1883; and died on March 21, 1829 in Wittmund.

Name: Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz
 Parentage: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz and Christine Charlotte Cramer
 Date of birth: December 5, 1765
 Place of birth: Etzel, Germany
 Date of death:
 Place of death:

Occupation, interests, hobbies, military service, etc.
 Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz was in Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., probably from 1795 to 1808. His mission appears to have been related to that of Consul. This indicates that the government of East Friesland maintained friendly relations with the United States at that time. Probably South Carolina sold tobacco and cotton to East Friesland and Hanover in exchange for woven goods, etc. There were many German settlers in the Piedmont (Upland) region of the Carolinas. They had moved south along "The Great Valley" from Pennsylvania long before our Revolution 1776-1783. See Turners History of the Western Frontier.

We have also learned that Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz was a Trader Merchant in Charleston, South Carolina (North America). At the same time he was named Persian Consul.

Jacob was the Godfather of his nephew Ibo August Steinmetz I, son of his brother, Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz. Ibo Steinmetz was born on March 30, 1795, in Etzel, Germany and was baptized on April 1, 1795. Another nephew was named for Jacob. Our ancestor Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz known as August was his Uncles namesake. August was born September 1, 1805.

Marriage to:

Jacob Eberhard August, baptized October 1, 1805, born September 30, 1805 in Etzel, Germany
 Heinrich Anton II, baptized May 16, 1807, born May 15, 1807 in Etzel, Germany

Catrina/Catharine Margarethe, baptized March 12, 1809, born March 10, 1809 in Etzel, Germany
 Ferdinande Rudolphine Philippine, baptized April 1, 1811, born March 30, 1811 in Etzel, Germany

Ibo August II, baptized February 7, 1815, born January 30, 1815 in Etzel, Germany

Anton Eberhard, baptized June 16, 1817, born June 13, 1817 in Etzel, Germany

Name: Georg Heinrich Steinmetz, was named for his grandfather.

Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen

Date of birth: March 29, 1784; baptized April 2, 1784

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: May 3, 1844; age 60

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Marriage: First — Milke Marie Wessels on June 12, 1807.

Marriage: First, Milke Marie Wessels on June 12, 1807. Second, Assel Christine Wessels, on July 16, 1814.

The girls were sisters and from Horsten. The first wife, Milke Marie died after the birth of Drilligen in 1810. Her descendents are the Steinmetzes who live today still in Etzel.

Descendents of the second wife, Assel Christine, include a former Mayor of Etzel who died in 1932 and his still living daughters, Antonie and Alwine. They live in Schierbrook near Oldenburg.

Occupation, activities, interests, hobbies, military service, etc. Georg Heinrich Steinmetz became a farmer, lived as a "house-man" in Riepen, was a "master-farmer" or a "Bauermeister", sluice-director (a sluice is a man-made channel for conducting water with a valve or gate to regulate the flow) and common deputy for many years. As such he died on May 3, 1844 in Etzel at age 60.

Name: Anna Framzisca/Friederike Steinmetz

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Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen

Date of birth: March 10, 1786; baptized March 12, 1786

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: May 13, 1801

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Marriage:

Name: Sebastia/Sebastian Gerhard Steinmetz I

Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen

Date of birth: July 26, 1788; baptized July 28, 1788

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: January 13, 1789

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Marriage:

Name: Sebastia/Sebastian Gerhard Steinmetz II

Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen

Date of birth: December 21, 1789; baptized December 23, 1789

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: October 14, 1791

Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Marriage:

Name: Christina Gael/Charlotte Steinmetz

Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen

Date of birth: July 12, 1792; baptized July 25, 1792

Place of birth: Etzel, Germany

Date of death: August 30, 1864

Place of death: Marx, Germany

Marrigae: First, Christoph Bernhard Eberhard Varenhorst, on May 15, 1912, in Etzel, Germany. Christoph Varenhorst was an innkeeper and customs collector in Marx. His father was a Pastor in Marx. Varenhorst siblings still living in Etzel. He died in 1827.

Second, Tobias Hahnenkamp/Holmén Kamp, on July 24, 1829, in Marx, Germany. Descendents of this marriage live in Marx.

Name: Ibo/Ihbo August Steinmetz I
Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz and
Anna Catherine Margurita Ortigesen
Date of birth: March 30, 1795; baptized April 1, 1795
Place of birth: Etzel, Germany
Date of death: August 2, 1814
Place of death: Wesel, Germany
Marriage:

Name: Heinrich Anton Steinmetz I
Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz
and Christina Dorothea Heinen
Date of birth: February 11, 1802; baptized February
12, 1802
Place of birth: Etzel, Germany
Date of death: December 8, 1802; as an infant less
than one year old.
Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Name: Heinrich Anton Steinmetz II
Parentage: Ferdinand Rudolph Philipp Steinmetz
and Christina Dorothea Heinen
Date of birth: May 15, 1807; baptized May 16, 1807
Place of birth: Etzel, Germany
Date of death: June 7, 1807 (less than one month old)
Place of death: Etzel, Germany

Note: Our ancestor Jacob Eberhard August Steinmetz,
known as "August" was born between these two boys.
August was born on September 30, 1805, in Etzel,
Germany. He was named for an Uncle, his father's
brother. His father's brother Jacob Eberhard August
Steinmetz was born on December 5, 1765 and in Etzel,
Germany. The uncle became a Consul in Charleston,
North America (South Carolina).
